

# WIC Breast Pump Program Fact Sheet

## *Who is eligible for a WIC breast pump?*

- Only women enrolled in WIC can receive a breast pump from WIC. If you are unsure if a woman will qualify, contact your local WIC agency.
- Women in Medicaid who want to breastfeed their high-risk newborns will qualify for WIC if they are not already enrolled.

## *What types of breast pumps are offered?*

- **Multi-user electric breast pumps** (hospital-grade) are **loaned** to WIC moms who need to establish their milk supply when separated from their hospitalized infants..
- **Single-user electric breast pumps** are **given** to WIC moms who need help in maintaining an already well-established milk supply when returning to work or school.
- **Manual breast pumps** are **given** to WIC moms who need to collect milk for infrequent separation from their babies or to help resolve short term breastfeeding concerns.

## *Is every WIC mom eligible for a breast pump?*

- No. Breast pumps issuance is based on the need of the breastfeeding mom and is determined at her WIC certification.
- Some women benefit significantly from the use of a breast pump, while many others do not need breast pumps to initiate and continue breastfeeding.

## *How do I refer a mother to WIC?*

Contact your local WIC agency at:

WIC Local Agency\_\_\_\_\_

Contact\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

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